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## Panel named to review Wausaukee dissolution order

*First hearings before seven-member review board are Aug. 26*

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster today announced members of the review board that will consider the resolution to close the School District of Wausaukee in northeastern Wisconsin's Marinette County in July 2009.

The seven-member panel is made up of the state superintendent or her designee and six elected school board members who serve on the State Superintendent's School District Boundary Appeal Board. This statewide board has one representative from each of the state's 12 cooperative educational service agencies (CESAs) and is balanced among small, medium, and large school districts. In addition to Burmaster's designee, Deputy State Superintendent Tony Evers, those serving on the review board for the School District of Wausaukee dissolution are

- Rick Eloranta, Owen-Withee School District, CESA 10;
- Dennis Kavanaugh, Oshkosh Area School District, CESA 6;
- Mary Kathleen Maloney, Green Bay Area School District, CESA 7;
- Steven Pate, Portage Community School District, CESA 5;
- Patricia Silver, Richland School District, CESA 3; and
- Therese Travia, South Milwaukee School District, CESA 1.

The first public hearing before the board will be held Aug. 26 in Wausaukee from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. An additional hearing will be held Sept. 30 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. also in Wausaukee. The board will continue to meet in Wausaukee in November, December, and January, as needed, to reach a decision before Jan. 15, 2009, to either affirm or deny the Wausaukee School Board's resolution to dissolve the district.

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If the review panel affirms the dissolution, it must assign the school district's territory, assets, and liabilities to one or more other school districts and determine employment status for Wausaukee School District employees.

On July 8, 2008, the Wausaukee School Board adopted a resolution to dissolve the school district effective July 1, 2009. The last time a school district dissolved was on July 1, 1990, when the Ondossagan School District was merged with the Ashland, Drummond, and Washburn school districts.

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